

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 TEL AV 07316 181629Z

46

ACTION SS-25

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SSO-00 /026 W
----- 062324

R 181402Z NOV 75
FM AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9024
INFO AMEMBASSY CAIRO
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS

C O N F I D E N T I A L TEL AVIV 7316

EXDIS

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PFOR, IS, SY
SUBJECT: ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY ON GOLAN HEIGHTS

REF: A. STATE 242094; B. TEL AVIV 7262

1. ARTICLE IN JEWISH AGENCY PUBLICATION QUOTE ISRAEL YEARBOOK--1975 UNQUOTE PROVIDES ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON SUBJECT. EXCERPTS FROM ARTICLE, WHICH WAS WRITTEN BY JEWISH NATIONAL FUND CHAIRMAN JACOB TSUR, FOLLOW. QUOTE THE SECURITY PROBLEMS OF ISRAEL, WCCENTUATED AS THEY HAVE BECOME SINCE THE YOM KIPPUR WAR, ARE CONSTANTLY IMPOSING NEW DEMANDS ON JNF WORK ALONG THE BORDERS. A LARGE PART OF THE FUND'S RESOURCES IN TERMS OF BOTH MANPOWER AND MONEY HAS BEEN ENGAGED IN CREATING THE LAND INFRASTRUCTURE NECESSARY FOR THE SETTLEMENT OF THE GOLAN HEIGHTS, THE JORDAN VALLEY AND PITHAT RAFIAH (RAFAH JUNCTION AREA IN SINAI NEAR GAZA). IN FACT, LAND RECLAMATION IN ALL THESE STILL BARREN AREAS IS A PRECONDITION AND A FIRST STEP TOWARDS THE SETTING UP OF ANY NEW VILLAGE, BY IT A MOSHAV, A KIBBUTZ OR A NAHAL OUTPOST. UNQUOTE.

2. THE ARTICLE GOES ON TO STATE THAT QUOTE PRIORITY HAS BEEN GIVEN FOR OBVIOUS REASONS TO DEVELOPMENT WORK BEYOND THE SO-CALLED GREEN LINE UNQUOTE. IT REPORTS THAT IN FISCAL YEAR 1974/75, JNF BUDGET TOTALLED IL 132 MILLION
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 TEL AV 07316 181629Z

COMPARED TO IL 102 MILLION IN 1973/74. OF THE 1974/75

BUDGET, IL 90 MILLION WAS SPENT FOR LAND ACQUISITION, RECLAMATION AND AFFORESTATION. THIS EXPENDITURE ENABLED JNF TO DEVELOPE DURING THE YEAR QUOTE THE UNPRECEDENTED AREA OF 42,000 DUNAMS (AS COMPARED WITH 22,000 DUNAMS THE YEAR BEFORE), OF WHICH 35 PERCENT HAS BEEN RECLAIMED IN THE GOLANN 21 PERCENT IN THE GALILEE, 19 PERCENT AROUND JERUSALEM, 10 PERCENT IN THE JORDAN VALLEY, THE REST IN THE ARAVA AND IN PITHAT RAFIAH. UNQUOTE.

3. COMMENT: WE BELIEVE THAT JNF IS A MAJOR, IF NOT THE MAIN, SOURCE OF FINANCING FOR LAND DEVELOPMENT ON THE GOLAN, ALTHOUGH ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL SUPPORT UNDOUBTEDLY IS SUPPLIED FROM GOVERNMENT AND OTHER SOURCES. WE NOTE THAT JEWISH AGENCY HAS BUDGETED \$64 MILLION FOR AGRICULTURAL SETTLEMENT OUT OF TOTAL 1975/76 BUDGET OF \$542 MILLION. NOW MUCH WILL BE SPENT IN OCCUPIED TERRITORIES IS UNKNOWN. AS DEPARTMENT IS AWARE, FUNCTION OF THE QUASI-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION JEWISH NATIONAL FUND IS TO PURCHASE, DEVELOP AND SETTLE LAND. IT OWNS MORE THAN 90 PERCENT IF ISRAELI LAND AND LEASES MOST OF IT TO JEWISH SETTLERS. TOON

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: Z
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: LAND SETTLEMENT, GOLAN HEIGHTS, AGRICULTURAL PROGRAMS, RECLAIMED LAND
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 18 NOV 1975
Decaption Date: 28 MAY 2004
Decaption Note: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: CunninFX
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1975TELAV07316
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D750401-0884
From: TEL AVIV
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1975/newtext/t19751135/aaaabewt.tel
Line Count: 82
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION SS
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: EXDIS
Reference: 75 STATE 242094, 75 TEL AVIV 7262
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: CunninFX
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 06 AUG 2003
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <06 AUG 2003 by KelleyW0>; APPROVED <01 DEC 2003 by CunninFX>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
06 JUL 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: ISRAELI AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITY ON GOLAN HEIGHTS
TAGS: PFOR, EAGR, IS, SY
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 06 JUL 2006